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SCARCITY OF WATER
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has identified the States having surplus water and those having scarcity of water;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to distribute water according to the necessity of the States having scarcity of water; and

(c) the projects currently in operation for optimal distribution of water, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (b) The Ministry of Water Resources (MOWR) (erstwhile Ministry of Irrigation) and Central Water Commission (CWC) formulated a National Perspective Plan (NPP) for Water Resources Development in 1980 envisaging inter-basin transfer of water from surplus basins to deficit basins/areas for optimum utilization of water resources. The NPP comprise two components, namely, Himalayan Rivers Development Component and Peninsular Rivers Development Component. National Water Development Agency (NWDA) was set up under the MOWR in 1982 for carrying out various technical studies to establish the feasibility of the proposals of NPP. Based on various studies conducted, NWDA has identified 30 links (16 under Peninsular Component & 14 under Himalayan Component) for preparation of Feasibility Report (FRs). Out of these, FRs of 14 links under Peninsular Component and 2 links (Indian Portion) under Himalayan Component has already been completed. NWDA has not carried out any water balance studies State-wise.

Further, a Memorandum of Understanding for preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) of one of the link in Peninsular Component Namely Ken-Betwa link was signed among the Central Government and State Governments of Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh on 25th August, 2005. Subsequently, the Central Government entrusted the preparation of the DPR of the aforesaid link to NWDA, which is planned to be completed by June, 2008.

(c) No project planned under NPP is operational. The implementation of NPP proposals are dependent on the co-operation and consensus among the concerned States.